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For: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND MEDIUM
HAVING AN IMAGE PROCESSING CONTROL PROGRAM RECORDED THEREON

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

JP 3698205, JP 3682872, and JP 3596614 all correspond to USP 6,351,558 B1, USP 6,539,111 B2, USP 6,754,381 B2, USP 7,155,060 B2, and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0208360 A1. An English language abstract is submitted herewith for JP 07-037084.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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